

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

ESTHER MYRTLE SOLOMON,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Case No. 4:22-CV-00016 JAR
)	
ANN SPALL, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on several pending motions: Defendant Ann Spall and Fontbonne University's Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Protective Order to Stay Discovery Pending Ruling on Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 4); Defendant Andrew Mehalko's Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 9); Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant to give a full and complete answer (Doc. No. 5); and two Objections to Notice of Removal and Jurisdictional Challenge filed by Plaintiff (Doc. Nos. 11, 12).

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not provide for an objection once a case is removed to federal court. While pro se litigants are not exempt from compliance with the Federal Rules, the Court must also keep in mind that a pro se filing is to be liberally construed and held to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. See Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 106 (1976) (finding a document filed pro se is "to be liberally construed"). The Court will, therefore, construe Plaintiff's objections as a motion for remand to state court and give Defendants ten days to file their response thereto. The Court will also stay the briefing on Defendants' motions

to dismiss pending the Court's ruling on Plaintiff's motion to remand. Plaintiff's motion to compel a full and complete answer to her complaint will be denied as premature.


Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, Defendants shall file a response to Plaintiff's objections to the notice of removal and jurisdictional challenge, construed as a motion to remand. Plaintiff shall have seven (7) days thereafter to file any reply.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that briefing on Defendants' motions to dismiss is **STAYED** pending the Court's ruling on Plaintiff's motion to remand.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to compel [5] is **DENIED** as premature.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.



JOHN A. ROSS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE